



Hiwinui School

"Seeds planted today will flourish and blossom tomorrow"

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Dear Hiwinui Parents/Caregivers

On the 15 of August all our teachers who are NZEI members will be striking for the full day (unless a compromise is reached beforehand). The strike is the result of a break down in the bargaining between the NZEI and the government to seek more qualified teachers for our schools, and for better pay and conditions for our teachers.

We as a board regretfully accept that the last resort was to strike, however we wholeheartedly support our teachers during this time.

The NZEI strike involves ONLY teachers who are members. All other NZEI school staff are not involved in the strike.

The decision whether to operate the school during this time is the Boards responsibility. This is a nationwide strike and our ability for the Board to employ relievers so we can open the school with a safe child to staff ratio has proved impossible. For that reason we have no option but to close the school for the entire duration of **Wednesday 15 August**.

The Hiwinui Board of Trustees sincerely apologises for any inconvenient this causes. However we ask that you support our teachers during this time. If the drastic steps taken now to negotiate are successful it is our kids that will benefit long term.

Kind Regards
Duncan Baker
Hiwinui School BOT (chairman)